

State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update



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Summary

- Why we developed the plan.
- Where we are at.
- What the plan looks like.
 - Enhanced State Plan => more post-disaster mitigation funding.
- What's next for the state plan.
- Why your agency should be involved.

Why we developed the plan

- Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 placed greater emphasis on mitigation, required state, local plans.
 - No plan = Significant financial consequences for state, local governments.
- Avoid no-plan consequences, qualify for more hazard mitigation grant program money.
- It's common sense and good policy:
 - Reduced damages, improved safety, continued operations after disaster.

No-Plan Consequences

State AND locals will lose eligibility for:

- Public assistance – \$450 million since 1989.
- All hazard mitigation programs – \$65 million HMGP since 1989.
- Fire management funding – \$52 million since 1988.
- **Total: \$567 Million**

(These are federal dollars, requiring 25 percent match)

Where We Are At

- Plan submitted for “unofficial” (pre-adoption) review April 30.
 - FEMA Region 10 review complete; national review now underway.
 - First enhanced plan being reviewed nationally.
 - We’ll know the outcome by mid June.
- Agency endorsements, Governor approval/promulgation being sought.
- Expect state adoption and FEMA approval by mid summer.

What The Plan Looks Like

- Planning Process.
- Coordination of Local Planning.
- Plan Maintenance Process.
- Risk Assessment.
- Mitigation Strategy.
- Enhanced Element – Comprehensive Hazard Mitigation Program.
- Formal Adoption by State.

Enhanced Plan – Why?

- Standard Plan – 7.5 percent of Stafford Act assistance for HMGP.
- Enhanced Plan – 20 percent of Stafford Act assistance for HMGP.
 - Oct. 2003 Floods: \$582,500 vs. \$1.55 million.
- 44 CFR 201.5(a) requirement:

“ ... The Enhanced State Mitigation Plan **must** demonstrate that a State has developed a comprehensive mitigation program, that the State effectively uses available mitigation funding, and that it is capable of managing the increased funding ”

What's Next For State Plan

- Critique, make improvements in planning process.
- Establish review, monitoring process.
- Develop work plan for next three years:
 - Expand plan to include man-made hazards.
 - Link with state homeland security planning.
 - Use available GIS data sets for hazards.
 - Expand state agency involvement.

Why Your Agency Should Be Involved in This Plan

- It is common sense and good public policy:
 - You will discover / confirm your vulnerability to hazard events.
 - You will develop goals and actions to:
 - Reduce damage to owned facilities, key business systems and agency records.
 - Improve safety of your staff, clients.
 - Improve agency's ability to continue / restart operations after hazard event.
- In long run, it will save you money, time, grief.
- It is a good investment for taxpayers.

Questions?

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